Plan To Tackle Terrorism

1585. SHRI SHARAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan to tackle terrorism was evolved at the Seventeenth Meeting of the Central Zonal Council held in Lucknow on January 8,1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in implementation of the said plan so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The Government is fully alive to the situation created by the terrorist elements in the country and is determine to ensure that a durable climate of peace and stability prevails through out the country. The policy of the Government is to deal firmly with the terrorist elements in the country, and simultaneously step up socio-economic development in the affected areas to redress the genuine grievances of the people. Various steps are being taken by the Government in this direction with the close cooperation of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government is rendering all possible assistance to the affected States in the form of additional para-military forces, provision of training facilities to the State police personnel, improved communication facilities etc.

Political Settlement to Tamil's Problem

1586. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any political settlement to Tamil's problem was discussed during the recent visit by the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). The Sri Lankan Foreign Minister visited Delhi from 5 to 7 January 1992 for the first session of the Indo-Sri Lanka Joint Commission.

In discussions on the ethinic situation in Sri Lanka, both sides agreed that only a negotiated political settlement within the unity and integrity of Sri Lanka would bring a lasting solution to the ethnic problem. We reiterated that the political framework created by the 13th Amendment to the Sri Lanka Constitution following the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement remains a constructive point of reference for any future negotiations.

Un Resolution on Equation of Zionism with Racism

1587. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India voted at the UN General Assembly in favour of rescinding an earlier U.N. resolution equating zionism with racism;

(b) whether this stand was taken after any request from any foreign country;

(c) whether this indicates any change in India's stand on West Asia; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?